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- 1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY CONCERN FOR ETHIOPIA-IDA RELATIONS. WE ARE NOT SURPRISED AT EPMG IMPLICATION THAT USG IS SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN IDA DECISION TO POSTPONE ETHIOPIA GRAIN STORAGE AND IN OTHER PROJECT DIFFICULTIES.
- 2. OUR CONTACTS WITH IDA MANAGEMENT INDICATE THAT THEY REMAIN NERVOUS ABOUT THEIR ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS IN ETHIOPIA. WHILE WE WILL BE KEEPING OUR EARS OPEN, DEPARTMENT IS VERY RELUCTANT TO INITIATE FURTHER CONTACTS WITH MANAGEMENT AT THIS TIME SINCE SUCH EFFORTS WOULD LIKELY BE INTERPRETED BY MANAGEMENT AS ATTEMPT BY U.S. TO WEIGH IN ON IDA MANAGEMENT DECISIONS. SUCH CONTACTS CONFIDENTIAL

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COULD ALSO GET BACK TO EPMG, WHICH WOULD ONLY REINFORCE THEIR GROUNDLESS SUSPICIONS OF U.S. ROLE IN THESE MATTERS.

3. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES EMBASSY MADE GOOD DECISION IN A-VOIDING ROLE OF INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN LOCAL REP OF BANK IN ADDIS AND EPMG. WE ARE ANXIOUS TO AVOID THIS ROLE AND EXPECT EPMG TO DISCUSS PROBLEM AREAS WITH BANK MANAGEMENT

DIRECTLY.

4. PLEASE KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF ANY CHANGES IN STATUS. CHRISTOPHER

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